GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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. PRIVATE COMPANIES IN WEAPON MANUFACTURING
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether private companies are being allowed in the field of weapon manufacturing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government's decision to open up Defence Industry sector upto 100% for Indian Private sector participation was notified on 3rd January, 2002. Since January, 2002, Government has issued 72 Industrial Licenses (ILs) to various Indian companies.